

REMARKS

Claims 16-35 are pending. By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to enter the necessary reference to the priority application, and to refer to a drawing that has been proposed to show claim features and overcome the objection to the drawings. Claims 16, 17, 18, 22, 26, 27, and 33 have been amended to correct various informalities. The limitations of claim 16 have been incorporated into claim 17 and claim 17 has been placed in independent form. Claims 34-35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; these claims may be pursued in a divisional application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not introduce any new matter and favorable consideration is requested. This amendment is presented in the new recommended format.

Attached to this Amendment is a Proposed Drawing with a proposed additional figure (Fig. 3) showing an example of the claimed features that are referred to in the original specification. This proposed drawing does not present new matter and does not add to or alter the meaning of the claims or the specification.

The claims have been revised to provide clear antecedent basis. Claim 22 differs from claim 29 because it recites a metal porous structure.

A terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome the obviousness-type double-patenting rejection. The cited patent application is now an issued patent.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to speak to Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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